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Re: Application of Yasuhide ODASHIMA and Shigeru YANAGIMOTO
CONTINUOUS CAST ALUMINUM ALLOY ROD AND PRODUCTION
METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREOF
Assignee: SHOWA DENKO K.K.
Our Ref: Q71229

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the International Application.
- ☒ four (4) sheets (figs 1-7) of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of the Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ English Translation of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/398,010 filed July 24, 2002.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references and International Search Report.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

Copies of the Declaration and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee									<u>\$500.00</u>
Examination Fee									<u>\$200.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									<u>\$360.00</u>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$1410.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority and Benefit is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2002-211883	July 22, 2002
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Respectfully submitted,

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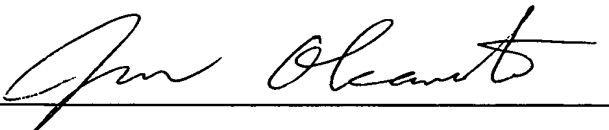
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DECLARATION

I, Jun OKAMOTO, residing at 2023, Takao-machi, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo, Japan, do hereby certify that I am conversant with the English and Japanese languages and am a competent translator thereof. I further certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the attached English translation is a true and correct translation made by me of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/398,010 filed on July 24, 2002.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed this 30th day of June, 2003

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jun Okamoto", is written over a horizontal line.

Jun OKAMOTO